INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Debentures, 6 per cent. int. on £71,600 stg., and expenses	$22650	
Debentures, 7 per cent. int. on $194,366, sold here	13606	
Debentures, 6 per cent. int. on $100,000, London, Huron & Bruce	6000	
Debentures, 5 per cent. int. on $486,068, Government, under M. L. F.	24687	
Interest to Bank, say	3000	
		69943
2 per cent. of Sinking Fund on $564,720, deb.	$11295	
5 per cent. of Sinking Fund on $100,000, London, Huron & Bruce Deb	5000	
		16295
School Trustees		20000
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		$211550
Uncollected Taxes, say		1519
		$ 213069

R. LEWIS,
Chairman Finance Committee.

On motion of Ald. Campbell, seconded by Ald. Jones, the report was considered clause by clause—all of which passed, when the report was received and adopted.

Ald. Campbell moved, seconded by Ald. Jones, that His Worship the Mayor and Alds. Lewis and Partridge, jr., be a deputation to go to Hamilton during the meeting of the Provincial Exhibition, and that they be instructed to use every endeavor to secure the meeting in London in 1877.

Ald. Christie moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that the matter be referred to exhibition committee, to report at next meeting. Carried.

Ald. Campbell inquired the cause of the delay in the sale of the last debentures.

Ald. Lewis replied. The speaker and the City Solicitor spoke to Mr. Edward Harris in reference to the sale, and he (Harris) promised to see about it in England. After Mr. Harris had been in Europe some months, and the Finance Committee not receiving any word from him, they determined to advertise the debentures for sale. McCord & Co., of Toronto, the present holders, tendered, and their offer was accepted. After a day or two, however, a rumor got abroad that McCord & Co. intended to back out, and the speaker, acting on the advice of the city solicitor, went to Toronto with the debentures and saw McCord & Co. Here he learned that the Bank of Montreal had refused to advance McC. & Co. the money as it promised, owing to certain representations made by a citizen of London (Mr. Beecher) detrimental to McCord & Co. These gentlemen finally got accommodation at the Bank of Commerce. Hence the delay.

In reply to an Alderman, Ald. Lewis said the city had lost nothing by the delay.

The matter then dropped.

The Council then adjourned for one week.

City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, 11th Sep., 1876.

The Board of Aldermen met in the Council chamber at the usual hour. Present—His Worship the Mayor, in the chair, and Aldermen Pritchard, Sutherland, Fitzgerald, Thompson, McPhail, Skinner, Ross, Minhinnick, Christie, Williams, McColl, Partridge, sr., Partridge, jr., Campbell, Henderson, Murray, Hiscox, Brown, Lewis.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved of, and signed by the Mayor.

The following communications were received:

From Mr. James Cowan, inviting the Council to attend the laying of the corner stone of the Protestant Orphans' Home.

Moved by Ald. Lewis, seconded by Ald. Thompson, that the communication be received, and that as many of the members of the Board attend as can make it convenient. Carried.

From Wm. Williams, account, posting bills, $4.

From the London Water Works Co., asking for certain privileges. Referred to the Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

From the Provisional Directors of the London Water Works Company submitting the following documents:

To the Mayor and Council of the Municipality of the City of London:

The petition of the undersigned sheweth,

That we, being desirous of forming a company to supply the city of London with water, have made the necessary declaration required by cap. 65 of the consolidated statutes of Canada, a copy of which is hereto annexed, and do hereby request that you will be pleased to make a by-law granting authority to us as a company to lay down pipes for the conveyance of water under the streets, squares and other public places of the city of London, in accordance with the provisions of said act (cap. 65).

Dated this 11th day of September, A.D. 1876.

(Signed) Geo. Moorhead, John McClary, John Elliott, E. W. Hyman, Thos. Muir, Benj. Cronyn, Geo. S. Birrell, Chas. Murray, Isaac Waterman.

DECLARATION OF THE COMPANY.

Know all men by these presents,

We, the undersigned, George Moorhead, John McClary, John Elliott, Thos. Muir, Ellis W. Hyman, Benj. Cronyn, George S. Birrell, Charles Murray and Isaac Waterman, desiring to form a company for supplying the city of London with water, under the provisions of an Act of the Parliament of Canada, entitled "An Act respecting Incorporated Joint Stock Companies for supplying cities, towns and villages with gas and water," being cap. 65 of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, do hereby declare as follows:

1. The corporate name of the Company shall be "The London Waterworks Company."

2. The object of the Company is the supply of water to the city of London and the inhabitants thereof.

3. The capital stock of the Company shall be seventy-five thousand dollars, divided into shares of twenty dollars each.

4. The number of shares which said stock is to consist is three thousand seven hundred and fifty.

6. There shall be nine directors to manage the concerns of the Company, and the following named persons shall be directors for the first year: George Moorhead, John McClary, John Elliott, Thos. Muir, Ellis W. Hyman, Benjamin Cronyn, George S. Birrell, Charles Murray and Isaac Waterman.

It is intended to carry on the operations of the Company in the city of London.

7. The term of the proposed existence of the Company is fifty years.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this eleventh day of September, A. D. 1876. Signed—George Moorhead, John McClary, John Elliott, Thomas Muir, E. W. Hyman, Benjamin Cronyn, Geo. S. Birrell, Chas Murray, Isaac Waterman.

Referred to Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

The By-law authorizing the sale of the lot on Horton street to Mr. J. C. Meredith for $240, was read three times and passed.

Ald. Lewis submitted the report of the auditors for the past six months, being receipts and disbursements for that period. The statement was referred to the Finance Committee to have it printed, and report at next meeting of the Council.

The Mayor said that he had received a communication referring to the jail. It was referred to the Finance Committee to report.

Ald. Lewis, chairman of the Finance Committee, introduced the estimates for 1876.

Ald. Partridge, jr., was called to the chair

The assets were read over item by item, and passed without opposition.

The liabilities were next read.

Ald Hiscox, moved seconded by Ald. McPhail, that $150 be deducted from Mr. Higgins salary and added to incidentals. Carried by the casting vote of the chairman.

Ald. McPhail moved that the item of $200 for J. M. Keary, assistant clerk, be struck out. Not seconded.

On motion the 4th rule was suspended

The committee rose, and the Council resumed, and the estimates were, on motion, adopted as amended.

Ald. Partridge, jr., chairman, reported as follows:

Your Exhibition Committee, to whom was referred the advisability of sending a deputation to Hamilton in order to secure the Provincial Exhibition for 1877, would recommend that a deputation be sent for that purpose, namely, His Worship the Mayor, the chairman of the Exhibition Committee and Ald. Christie.

Ald. Campbell moved the adoption of the report, seconded by Ald. Sutherland.

Ald. Williams moved, seconded by Ald. Minhinnick, that a deputation consisting of Ald. Partridge, Christie, Campbell and the Mayor proceed to Hamilton to meet the Directors of the Provincial Exhibition, for the purpose of securing the Provincial Fair for London for 1877, and that the deputation be instructed to inform the Board of Directors that this Council is not prepared to vote any amount for alterations or additions to buildings.

After talking until 12 30 the report was adopted—10 for, 8 against.

On motion the Council adjourned for two weeks.

City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, 26th Sep., 1876.

The City Council met last night at the usual time and place, His Worship Mayor Macdonald in the chair, and the following aldermen present: Messrs. Pritchard, Campbell, Fitzgerald, Thompson, McPhail, Skinner, Ross, Brown, Rapley, Christie, Williams, Lewis, Partridge, sr., Sutherland, McColl, Minhinnick, Henderson, Jones.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were read:

From J. Brown, Esq., city chamberlain, asking for leave of absence for a few days. Granted.

From Bartram & Love, on behalf of Mrs. and Miss Durkin, claiming $200 damages for injuries sustained by defective highway on Hill street. Referred to Board of Works.

From Rev. J. Kay and Mr. Winnett, asking that certain improvements be made in the vicinity of Wellington Street Methodist Church—filling up ditches, making approaches, erecting a ramp, etc. Referred to Board of Works.

From Mr. J. F. Dundas, asking that his livery stable license be reduced, the same only being taken out within the last half year. Referred to License Committee.

From Mr. Englehart and other members of the Tecumseh base ball club, for permission to fence off a portion of that part of the park grounds intended for the Normal School site. From J. H. Flock and about twenty others, supporting the same. Referred to Park Committee.

Ald. Williams moved that the Fire, Water and Gas Committee be authorized to procure 1,000 ft. of new hose. Carried.

Ald. Pritchard submitted the following report from the Market Committee:

Your Committee, after careful consideration, would recommend an appropriation of $400 for the following necessary repairs on the Market Square: First—Crossing in rear of City Hall, 153 feet; second—crossing on south Market Lane, 42 feet; third—crossing from butchers' market north, 81 feet; fourth—one hundred cords of gravel for main square. Received and adopted.

The Mayor reported verbally, in absence of the Chairman of the Exhibition Committee, on the result of the deputation's visit to Hamilton. They had succeeded in securing the Provincial Fair for next year.

In reply to Ald. Partridge, sr., His Worship said the Exhibition just held didn't cost Hamilton $500, and members of the Association had told the speaker they would not want so much as that from London.

Ald. Christie hoped our county council would do as well as Wentworth did, and complimented the members of the Association for their efforts to give London the preference over Kingston.

Mayor Macdonald said that while in Hamilton, a number of parties had told him that many things now at the Centennial would be shown at London next year. A delegate from Ohio had also told him that he and others would endeavor to have the Northern Ohio Fair held a week before the Provincial, and that their best stock would then be shipped over here. There was not the least doubt that the Provincial Exhibition next year would be the largest and best ever held in Canada.

Ald. McPhail reported as follows from the Board of Works:

1. In reference to the petition of General Renwick and others, asking to change

the name of Duke street to Dufferin Avenue, your Committee would recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

2. In reference to the petition of John Law, for the use of Arcade office, known as the police cells, for the purpose of distributing the numbers to the citizens, your Committee would recommend the prayer of the petition be granted for two months, or at the pleasure of the Council.

On motion the report was committed, Ald. Minhinnick in the chair.

First clause read.

Ald. Lewis moved it be struck out. Seconded by Ald. Jones.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Christie, seconded by Ald. McPhail, that the matter be laid over till next meeting.

Amendment carried.

Second clause read and passed.

The Chairman of the Park Committee, Ald. Sutherland, reported verbally that the new militia buildings on the Park grounds were approaching completion, and would be handed over to the authorities at the proper time. The brigade office contractor was rather diliatory.

Ald. Campbell moved seconded by Ald. Skinner, that inasmuch as the Young Men's Christian Association has been promised the use of the new Drill Shed for Mr. Beecher to lecture, this Council deem it advisable that the consent of the contractors be obtained in writing by the Chairman of the Park Committee, in order that the Council be held blameless in the matter for any damage that may occur thereby.

Ald. Campbell then consented to withdraw his resolution on condition that His Worship the Mayor procure a guarantee from Mr. Muir and the contractors that the city would not be held responsible for any damage which might occur to the building.

Ald. Henderson inquired if it was true that the Police Magistrate had persistently refused to hold court in the Carling street station since the place had been repaired, thereby putting the city to unnecessary expense.

Ald. Campbell suggested that the whole question of erecting new cells, and the matter referred to by Ald. Henderson, be sent back to the Board of Works for consideration.

After His Worship explained that no additional cost was caused to the city, from the fact that prisoners were now locked up in the basement of the City Hall, the suggestion of Ald. Campbell was agreed to.

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A BY-LAW

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On the third reading, Ald. Pritchard stated that by the 7th clause of the by-law only a member of the Finance Committee and an officer of the Council were entitled to receive information regarding uncollected taxes.

The alteration was made, and the by-law passed as amended.

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City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, 9th Oct., 1876.

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To interest on $9,982 (proposed to be expended in the construction of 50 large brick tanks with a capacity of 11,569 gallons each, filling included), at 8 per cent	$ 798 56
To repairs to 114 tanks per year	448 00
To filling tanks yearly	600 00
" interest on sale of steamer.	240 00
" " " horse	8 00
" fodder for one horse, shoeing and harness	200 00
To Engineers' salary, $500, and fuel for heater $100	600 00
To less wages of five men, $500, and repairs to steamer $100.	600 00
To saving in hose	700 00
Total saving in present department by construction of proposed waterworks	$ 4,194 56

I also beg leave to submit an approximate estimate of the cost of the proposed scheme for waterworks, viz.:

To 1,000 feet of 12-inch pipe and laying	
To 1,000 feet of 10-inch pipe and laying	
To 16,000 feet of 8-inch pipe and laying	
To 30,000 feet of 6-inch pipe and laying	
To 10,080 feet of 4-inch pipe and laying	
	$ 65,400 00
To 75 hydrants	4,500 00
To gates	3,000 00
To ground and building, including machinery	15,000 00
To superintendence and other expenses	2,000 00
	$ 89,900 00
Contingencies, 5 per cent	4,495 00
Approximate cost of proposed waterworks	$94,395 00

WORKING EXPENSES.

Two engineers	$ 1,300 00
730 tons of coal, at $6 per ton	4,386 00
Manager and clerk, etc	1,600 00
Oil, repairs, etc	1,000 00
Working expenses per annum	$ 8,280 00
Interest on cost of water-works	7,551 00
Yearly outlay	$15,831 00

It is shown by this estimate that the amount asked for by the Waterworks Company ($7,500) is about equal to the working expenses of the Waterworks, viz., $7,551; and if the $7,500 asked for is granted, there will yet remain a deficiency of $8,321 per annum to be realized from the water rates to make good the interest on the capital invested.

The sum asked by the company from the corporation is $7,500; the saving in the department, $4,194.56; difference, $3,305.44.

Against this outlay there is greater security against fires, and a reduction probably in the rates of insurance, and many other advantages to the citizens.

In conclusion, I beg leave to state that it is the opinion of many competent to judge, that it is not to the interest of corporations to give a company the privileges of a monopoly in waterworks, but in the present case I believe that is not asked for, as a proposal has been made to give the corporation the power of assuming the contract of the waterworks upon the payment of the outlay and interest on the sum expended, and any other bonus that may be determined on on account of the venture that may be made by the company.

If the company is allowed the privilege asked for, it would be necessary that the capacity of the pipes in the several streets should be adapted for the supply coming from Coombs' at some future time, if it should be thought necessary to get the supply from there. I think the company proposed to do that, if required.

The company, I believe, also proposes that the corporation should retain their charter.

The difference between the estimate of the Chief of the Fire Brigade and my estimate is chiefly in the greater outlay for tanks and the interest on sale of steamer. The present tank system is scarcely adapted for our present fire engines, not being of sufficient capacity.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

WM. ROBINSON,
City Engineer.

On motion the Council went into committeee, the Mayor in the chair.

The first clause relating to coal contract, passed without opposition.

2nd clause read.

Ald. Campbell moved that the matter of water works be referred to the Fire, Water and Gas and Finance Committees to consider and report to this Council.

Ald. Murray seconded this.

Ald. Williams read the following terms:

1. City County to pass necessary by-law to authorize the Company to lay pipes in public streets, etc., the by-law to contain provisions that should any other company propose to lay pipes in any street, etc., not supplied by this Company, the company to have the option of doing so on the same terms as any bona fide offer.

2. The Company to agree to lay down at least 11 miles of pipe (including whatever may be on Adelaide street south of Dundas street) on such streets as they may select.

3. Put up 75 hydrants in connection with above pipes to be located thereon at such points as Council directs by some officer.

4. Should city require more hydrants, the Company will, upon request, erect them, the city to pay $60 per annum for each extra hydrant, and if the place where such hydrants are required be more than 300 feet from line of pipe as laid down, the city to pay the cost of all pipe and laying same in excess of 300 feet, and hydrants on line of pipe $35.

5. The Company will also agree, if necessary, that the annexed schedule of prices shall be the maximum rates to be charged. (This shews a comparison with other cities.)

6. Also if the city or contractors require water for the purpose of street watering, the Company will furnish it at schedule price per metre from such hydrants as may be agreed upon.

7. The city to pay the Company $7,500 per annum for water supply for fire purposes from the 75 hydrants referred to in paragraph No. 3.

8. The Company to contract, if required by the city to water the streets, etc., at present watered, for $1,500 a season, and any increased area *pro rata*, the contract to be for 10 years.

A deputation, consisting of Messrs. B. Cronyn, J. H. Flock, and Geo. G. Magee, addressed the Council in reference to the proposed scheme.

Ald. Campbell's motion was then put and carried.

Board adjourned at 11.15.

City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, 16th Oct., 1876.

The Board of Aldermen met at the usual time and place His Worship Mayor Macdonald in the chair, and the following members present: Messrs. Pritchard, Sutherland, Campbell, Fitzgerald, Skinner, Henderson, Minhinnick, Brown, Rapley, Christie, McCall, Partridge, sr., Ross, Murray, Thompson, Partridge, jr, McPhail, Hiscox, Jones.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The following communications were read:

From Mr. J. Johnson, of the Customs Department, Ottawa, informing the Board that unless the bond of the corporation given in 1873, to secure duties upon a steam fire engine, is paid within one week, action will be taken to dispose of the same by due course of law. Referred to Finance Committee with power.

From Miss E. S. Maningault, Secretary of the Chapter House Ladies' Aid Society, asking for the use of the City Hall for Tuesday evening, Nov. 7th, for the purpose of holding a musical entertainment. Granted.

From Mr. J. W. McIntosh, Secretary of the London Musical Union, asking the free use of the City Hall on Wednesday, the 8th November, for the purpose of giving a musical concert. Granted.

From Mrs. A. Newcombe, Secretary of the Protestan. Home, asking the free use of the City Hall on the 10th November, in order to hold the anniversary meeting of the Home. Granted.

From Mr A. Britton, City Surveyor of Montreal, calling attention to his new "cradles" for constructing sewers. Referred to the Board of Works.

A by-law for levying a rate for street watering for 1876 was read a first, second and third time, and finally passed.

Before it was read the third time, Ald. Pritchard moved, seconded by Ald. Sutherland, that it be referred back to the committee, but the motion was lost.

Ald. Brown, chairman, submitted the following from the Hospital and Relief Committee:

1st. Your Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the accounts for the month of September, and have found them correct, amounting to $374 43, and have referred them to the Finance Committee for payment, viz: Tytler & Rose, groceries, $99 56; Samuel Stewart, sundries, $32 28; Strong & Rosser, medicine, $24 27; Portwood & Appleton, undertaking, $24; Wm Hinton, undertaking, $7; Bricklin & Powell, meat, $41 87; Bowman & Co, coal, $11 17; J. B. Smyth, bread, $27.83; R S Murray, sundries, $8.37; Struthers & Peel, soap, $15.75; P. Weston, crockery, $12 33; Mrs. Woodward, milk, $12; wages, (5) servants, $49; M. D. Dawson, for paper one year, $6; J. Cameron & Co., for paper one year, $3. Total, $374 43.

2nd. Your committee have examined the report of the Relief Officer, giving a detailed statement of the amount of cash and wood distributed during the month of September, as follows: No 1 Ward, $6 cash and 1 cord of wood; No. 2 Ward, $13; No. 3 Ward, $8; No 4 Ward, ; No. 5 Ward, $3 75 cash and 1 cord of wood; No. 6 Ward, $4; No. 7 Ward, $5. Total, $39 75, and two cords of wood. Also amount paid for interments amounting to $54 for paupers, &c., as follows: May 23rd, Adam Riley, adult, $8; May 25th, Francis Kettlee, child, $5; June 4th, Mrs. Ackroyd, adult, $10; June 19th, Arthur Conroy, adult, $8; August 9th, William Steadman, child, $5; August 11th, Edwin Armitage, child, $5; August 18th, Willie Goodwin, child, $5; August 31st; Mr. Stokes, adult, $8. Total, $54

3rd Your committee would recommend that ten dollars be granted to Mrs. Whitcombe to assist to pay for a stove that was got for her nine months ago, and should have been passed and paid by our predecessors

4th. We also beg leave to report that we have examined the report for the quarter ending 30th Sept., 1876, of the Hospital Stewart, as follows: Remaining in hospital on the evening of the 30th June, 1876, 32 patients, chargeable as follows: City of London, 24; County of Middlesex, 4; pension,2; paying patients, 2. Total, 32 Admitted during quarter ending Sept. 30th, 1876. From city of London, including six births, 46; County of Middlesex, including one birth, 5; paying patients, 4; pensioners, 1. Total, 88. Discharged during the quarter cured and improved: City of London patients, 43; County of Middlesex patients, 5; pensioners, 1; paying patients, 4. Died —city patients, 4. Remaining in hospital 30th September: Chargeable to city of London, 23; chargeable to County of Middlesex, 4: pensioners, 1; paying patients, 2. Total, 32. Expenses of hospital for same period, ending Sept. 30th, 1876,are as follows: Groceries and liquors, $286.88; bread, $89.10; dry goods, $8 37 ; butcher's meat, $143.11 ; milk, $36.80 ; medicine, $59.88 ; oil, lamps, repairing, and labor, $32.28; servants' salaries, $149.50; vegetables, $10 75; hardware and oils, $8.80; interments, $31.00; cleaning clock, $2,00; cleaning feathers, $11.00; painting and glazing, $8 75; crockery, $12.33; newspaper, evening HERALD, one year, $6.00; newspaper, *Advertiser*, $3.00; soft soap for 9 months,$15.75; coal,$11.17. Total, $926 47. Receipts of, Hospital during same period from pensioners and paying patients, viz.:—Elijah Hilliard, six months' pension, $40; Dan. O. Sullivan, six months' pension, $4; Ed. Griffin, six months' pension, $10.00; Mrs. Helen White, half-yearly income, $24 20; Margret Ackert, $9.50; John Kenny, $3.50; Mrs. Caprel, $21. Total, $112 20.

5th. The communication from Mr. Edgar, Infants' Home,Toronto, we would recommend that the Clerk acknowledge the same, stating that we have a similar institution in this city.

6th, and lastly. Your Committee,after having investigated thoroughly the account of Mr. Thos. Morkin, and the circumstances connected therewith, beg leave to report that this corporation is not liable, legally, for the amount of the account, or any amount, having got the City Solicitor's opinion regarding the matter, as the only person in his (the Solicitor's) opinion that is liable is His Worship the Mayor. We therefore leave the matter in the hands of the Council,to deal with it as to them seems best under the circumstances.

On motion of Ald. Campbell, the report was considered clause by clause.

Clauses 1 and 2 passed without discussion.

Clause 3—In reference to the account of Mrs. Whitcombe—Moved by Ald. Christie, seconded by Ald. Campbell, that it be struck out.

The clause was then adopted:

Yeas—Ald. Pritchard, Sutherland, Murray, Fitzgerald, Skinner, Ross, Henderson, Rapley, McColl.

Nays—Campbell, Thompson, McPhail, Jones, Hiscox, Christie, Partridge, jun.

Clause 4—Accounts, etc.—passed without opposition; also clause 5.

Clause 6, referring to the account of Mr. Morkin was read.

Ald. Campbell moved, seconded by Ald. Boss, that it be referred back to the committee. Carried.

Ald. McPhail read the following report from the Board of Works:

1st. In reference to first clause of the report presented by this committee on the 26th of last month,your committee would again recommend that the prayer of the petition of General Renwick and others be granted.

2nd. Your committee would recommend that this Council grant a sum, not to exceed one thousand dollars, for the purpose of constructing cells for prisoners at the Police Court on Carling street, when plans are produced by the Engineer.

3rd. Your committee would recommend that a culvert crossing be constructed opposite the Methodist Church on Wellington street, the sum not to exceed from $35 to $40, said sum to be charged to the first appropriation for general improvements.

4th. Your committee further state that the cost of lowering the three bridges on Oxford and Waterloo streets will be $40, including ditching.

On motion the report was taken up clause by clause.

Clause 1—Passed without discussion.

Clause 2—Read

Ald. Fitzgerald moved in amendment to the clause, seconded by Ald. Jones, that the further consideration of this matter be deferred for three months, and that the Board of Works be requested to consider the advisibility of erecting a new Police Court room and cells. Carried.

Yeas—Murray, Fitzgerald, McPhail, Skinner, Jones, Henderson, Brown, Rapley, McColl, Partridge, sr.

Nays—Campbell, Thompson, Ross, Christie.

Clause 3—Passed.

Clause 4—Passed.

Ald. Chaistie moved, seconded by Ald. Partridge, that Mr. James Durand be recommended to the Government as a fit and proper person to be appointed Arbitrator for the city in the matter of the Court House and Jail dispute with the county.

Ald. Campbell moved, seconded by Ald. Pritchard, that the name of Mr. J. M. Cousins be recommended.

Ald. Rapley moved in further amendment, seconded by Ald. Jones, that the question be deferred until next meeting.

The original motion was carried.

Council then adjourned for two weeks.

City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, 30th Oct., 1876.

The Council met in the Council Chamber at the usual hour. Present—Ald. Hiscox, Rapley, Pritchard, Sutherland, Fitzgerald, Thompson, Skinner, Murray, Ross, Partridge, sr.. Christie, Williams, McPhail, McColl, Campbell, Henderson, Minhinnick.

The Clerk read a communication from His Worship the Mayor, stating that he had been called to Sarnia on business, and requesting that the Council appoint a Chairman.

On motion Ald. Pritchard was elected to preside.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

The following communications were received:

From Messrs. Fraser & Fraser, on behalf of Mrs. Harriet Trebilcock, complaining of damage to her buildings on Dundas street by the overflow of water.

From W. H. Milman asking what action the Council intended to take in reference to damage done to his garden. Referred to the Board of Works.

The following accounts were handed in, Reid & Anderson, stationery $21.02; McColl Bros., seeds $4.80; W. H. Winnett, lumber $10.78; *Free Press*, printing, $107.46. Referred to the Appropriate Committees.

Ald. Hiscox moved in reference to Mrs. Trebilcock's communication seconded by Ald. Ross, that it be referred to a special committee consisting of Aldermen Ross, Hiscox and Thompson. Withdrawn.

The communication was referred to the Board of Works.

Ald. Williams submitted the following report of the Fire, Water and Gas Committee:

Your Committee recommend the undermentioned payments:

1. Lettering fire alarm boxes, Mr. Slater, 8.50.

2. Winding up and repairing city clock from 1st July, 1875, to 31st October, 1876, $100.

3. Gas accounts for the quarter ending 30th Sept., 1876, $1,363 70.

4. Your Committee recommend that the petitions for a lamp to be erected in front of the undermentioned churches be sanctioned: Congregational Church; Dundas street; Methodist Church, corner Wellington and Grey streets; Primitive Methodist Church, Hamilton Road. Also that in consideration of the number of buildings lately erected in the outer portions of the city one lamp per ward be sanctioned.

On motion, the report was considered *seriatum*

1st clause read and passed.

2nd clause read

Ald. Murray moved that the clause pass—seconded by Ald. McColl

Ald. Sutherland advocated the payment of the account providing it close at the end of the present month. Clause passed.

3rd clause read and passed.

4th clause read.

Ald. Skinner moved in amendment to the report, seconded by Ald. McPhail, that the clause be referred back to the committee to report.

Ald. Thompson moved, seconded by Ald. Murray, that the 4th clause be struck out, and that three lamps be erected in each ward, the church lamps to be included in such numbers, also any lamps erected this year, and that they be located by the members of the respective Wards.

On a division, the amendment of Ald. Thompson was carried.

Yeas — Campbell, Sutherland, Fitzgerald, Thompson, Murray, Ross, Williams, McColl, Partridge, sr.—9.

Nays — McPhail, Skinner, Hiscox, Henderson, Minhinnick, Rapley, Christie—7.

Ald. Campbell asked for information in reference to the water supply at "Wilson's Springs."

Ald. Christie reported in reference to the visit to Wilson's Springs, and was agreeably surprised at the quantity and quality of the water there. He thought that a tangible scheme should be submitted to the ratepayers at the next elections.

Ald. Williams promised to submit a report in reference to the water supply at Wilson's springs at an early date.

Moved by Ald. Hiscox, seconded by Ald. Ross,

That the City Clerk be instructed to correspond with the Ottawa Government to ascertain if it is their intention, and when, to erect apparatus in this city to attest gas and gas meters.

Ald. Christie moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Partridge, sr., that the matter be referred to the Fire, Water and Gas Committee to report.

Amendment carried.

Moved by Ald. Ross, seconded by Ald. Partridge, sr., that the Exhibition Committee be invited to consider the propriety of erecting turn-stiles on the north and south sides of the Exhibition Grounds, in order that citizens may be enabled to cross to and from their work without being necessitated to pull down the fences.

Ald Campbell called the attention of the Council to the fact that property on the Exhibition Grounds was being destroyed and carried off, and a caretaker should be appointed. Mr. John Tiernay would make a good man for the position.

At this stage of the proceedings—10.15 – the chairman observed that there was not a quorum, and the Council adjourned.

City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, 6th Nov., 1876.

The Board of Aldermen met at the usual time and place. Present—Aldermen Pritchard, Sutherland, Campbell, Thompson, Murray, McPhail, Jones, Brown, Rapley, Christie, Williams, McCo'l, Partridge, sr., Partridge, jr., Skinner, Hiscox and Ross.

His Worship the Mayor was absent through sickness.

On motion Ald. Campbell took the chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

The following communications were read:

From J. W McIntosh, Secretary of the St. Andrew's Society, asking for the free use of the City Hall on 30th inst., for the purpose of holding a concert. Granted.

From Thos. R Cathro, praying for improvements in front of his property, lot 7, north Maitland street. Referred to Board of Works.

From Wm. McBride, Secretary of the Western Fair Association, complaining of the wanton destruction of the buildings and fences at the Fair Grounds. The Directors asked leave to appoint a caretaker, the Council furnishing him with a house. Referred to the Exhibition Committee.

From Proctor & Bryan, asking for the renewal of their contract for watering the streets for next year, at the same rate as this year. Deferred.

A deputation (Messrs. McBride and Mountjoy) from a number of citizens being present to set forth the dangerous condition of Kensington Bridge, a motion was carried that they be heard.

Mr. S. McBride therefore addressed the Council in reference to the dilapidated condition of Kensington bridge, and asked for a grant of $60 towards repairing it, the balance of the cost to be raised by certain citizens. The total cost of repairing would be about $120

At this point the rule of order was suspended.

After some unimportant discussion it was—

Moved by Ald. Sutherland, seconded by Ald. Thompson, that a donation of $50 be given Mr. S. McBride and others, provided that an equal amount be raised by these gentlemen; the money to be paid when the work is satisfactorily completed. Carried.

Ald. Williams submitted the following report from the Fire, Water and Gas Committee:

Your Committee recommend the undermentioned payments: Mr. Harvey's account for filling tanks in 1875: Tank on the Court House Square, $24.70; Tanks on the Barrack Grounds, $23 40; Tank on King and Ridout streets, $5 85; total, $53.95.

Taken up clause by clause.

Ald. Partridge, sr., moved, seconded by Ald. Ross, that the matter be referred back to the committee and city engineer to report. Carried.

In reference to the Wilson spring, on which the Fire, Water and Gas Committee was asked to report last week, Ald. Williams read the following extract from the City Engineer's report of last year, which was the best information they could get:

"The quantity of water that could be collected at Wilson's Farm, Lot No. 4, in the 6th concession of London, is, as measured, 222,000 gallons every twenty-four hours; 50 per cent. more might be collected by digging a trench east about twenty chains to ex-Alderman Moffat's farm. I am quite satisfied that sufficient water (without pumping from the river) could not be got at Wilson's, or in that

vicinity, to supply the city." The highest ground for reservoir purposes in this direction is more than one hundred feet less than at Coombs'.

In reply to Ald. Pritchard, who complained of want of action being taken by the Fire, Water and Gas and Finance Committees not meeting in reference to the proposals of the Water Company. Ald. Williams said Ald. Lewis had been away from home, and hence the Committee had not met. They would meet in the course of next week.

The communication of Proctor & Bryan was then taken up.

Ald. Williams moved that the contract be renewed.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Jones, seconded by Ald. Rapley, that the contract be put up to public competition.

Ald. Pritchard moved in amendment to the amendment, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that the matter be referred to the Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

While the question was under consideration, the Chairman discovered there was no quorum; consequently the Council stood adjourned for one week.

City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, 13th Nov., 1876.

The Board of Aldermen met in the Council Chamber this evening, at the usual hour, His Worship Mayor Macdonald in the chair, and the following members present: Aldermen Pritchard, Sutherland, Campbell, Fitzgerald, Skinner, Jones, Hiscox, Henderson, Minhinnick, Brown, Rapley, Christie, Lewis, Partridge, sr., Partridge, jr., Ross, Williams, Thompson.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The following communications were read:

From Mr. G. M. Gunn, Hon. Sec. of the Milkweed Rubber Company, complaining of assessment on stock held by certain directors in that company, and asking that the assessment be cancelled. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Mr. R. W. Smylie, enclosing a circular from Mr. Westgarth, a colonial broker, of London, with reference to the high standing attained by the city bonds in the London market, and suggesting that when the coupons are due, notification be given through the London *Times*. Referred to Finance Committee.

From C. Saunders and others, relative to placing a gas lamp in front of the B. M. E. Church on Grey street. Referred to Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

From John Winnett and eighteen others, suggesting localities in No. 5 Ward where three new lamps should be placed—one particularly in front of the colored church on Grey street. Referred to Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

From G. M. Anderson, Secretary and Treasurer of the Druggists' Society, asking the use of the City Hall on the evening of the 21st December, for the purpose of holding their annual reunion. Granted free.

From Rev. W. H. Tilley, on behalf of a number of ladies of the Church of England, applying for the use of the City Hall on the 12th and 13th December, for holding a bazaar in aid of church extension. Granted.

From B. A. Mitchell and 13 others, asking the Board to have the crossing on Talbot street, on the east side of Carling, repaired at once. Referred to Board of Works.

From Mr. Winslow, regarding over assessment, and asking that taxes paid by him be refunded. Referred to Finance and Assessment Committee.

From H. Davis & Son, relative to the condition of the city clock. Referred to Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

From Patrick O'Neil, applying to be appointed caretaker of the Exhibition Grounds and buildings, on condition that he receive rent free the frame house in the corner. Referred to Exhibition Committee.

From Mr. H. Mathewson, on behalf of the Congregational Church, asking to be allowed permission to erect a row of frame sheds in rear of the edifice on Dundas street, the same being within the limits of the fire by-law. Referred to the Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

Ald. Brown, Chairman, submitted the following report from the Hospital and Relief Committee:

1st. Your Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the following accounts for hospital supplies for the month of October, and have found them correct, and have referred them to the Finance Committee for payment, amounting to $288.34, viz.: Tytler & Rose, groceries, $85.50; Strong & Rosser, medicine, $26.42; Bricklin & Powell, meat, $42.27; Mrs. Woodward, milk, $13.20; Jas. B. Smith, bread, $33.49; Grant, servants' wages, $44.76; R. Kirkpatrick, shoes, $5.25; *Free Press* Printing Co., for paper, $3; W. H. Winnet, lumber,

$15.79; Moorehead, cleaning stoves, $2.40; Wm. Evans, cab hire for patient, 50c.; D. Collins, ice, $15 76. Total—288.34.

Second—Your Committee received the steward's of the Hospital Report of the number of patients in Hospital to Nov. 1st, and having examined the same, ordered it to be filed.

Third—The report for the month of October was laid before the Committee by the Relief Officer, shewing the amount of cash and wood distributed in the different wards, amounting to $39.75 in cash, and six and a-half cords of wood. After it was examined it was ordered to be reported to the Council, viz.:

Ward.	Cash.	Wood.
No. 1	$ 2 50	½ cord.
No. 2	12 50	1 "
No. 3	6 50	2 "
No. 4	1 00	— "
No. 5	2 75	2 "
No. 6	7 50	1 "
No. 7	7 00	— "
	$ 9 75	6½cords.

Fourth—Your Committee, having called for tenders for a supply of wood for hospital and relief purposes, beg leave to report that we have received eleven tenders for the same, and have accepted the following, being the lowest: For 100 cords beech and maple (green), $3.73; for 100 cords beech and maple (green), $3.79; for 100 cords beech and maple (dry), $3.-94; for 50 cords (with the privilege of 50 more, if required) of beech and maple (dry) $3.90. In all 350 cords to be delivered immediately.

Fifth—Your Committee request that the sum of $200 be placed to their credit for relief purposes.

Sixth—Your Committee have not taken any further action with regard to the account of Thomas Morkin, referred back to them from this Council.

Taken up clause by clause.

Clause 1, 2 and 3 passed without discussion.

Fourth clause—

Ald. Williams wished to know who were the successful tenderers.

Ald. Brown gave them as G. D. Glenan, 100 cords, dry, at $3.94; John Dundas and S. Rolph, 100 cords, green, at $3.94; S. S. Burdick, 100 cords green, at $3.73.

Ald. Williams, moved, seconded by Ald. Campbell that the above names be inserted in the clause. Carried.

Clause passed.

Fifth clause passed without discussion.

Clause six—

On motion ex-Mayor Cousins was heard before the Council.

Moved by Ald. Campbell, seconded by Ald. Thompson, that inasmuch as Mr. Morkin has presented an account to this Council for attendance and lodging to the unfortunate man Howe, who was taken to Morkin's Hotel by order of His Worship the Mayor, and as the City Solicitor's opinion states that this corporation is not liable, but that His Worship the Mayor alone is liable, resolved, that as this Council appreciates the kindness of His Worship in the matter, and do not wish His Worship to bear the expense, we appropriate the sum of $200 to His Worship towards payment of said account. This motion to be added to clause six of the report.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Fitzgerald, seconded by Ald. Ross, that the Hospital Committee be appointed a Special Committe to investigate the account of Mr. Morkin, and see what amount would be sufficient to settle his claim, and that whatever amount that Committee considers would be sufficient, be paid to the Mayor for the purpose of enabling him to settle with Mr. Morkin, and that in the meantime the Clerk communicate with the Council of Biddulph regarding a settlement of the claim.

On the vote being taken, Ald. Campbell's motion was carried—13 to 2.

Ald. Williams presented the following from the Fire, Water and Gas Committee:

Your Committee recommend that the account of Mr. Harvey for filling tanks during 1875, amounting $53.95, referred back to this Committee for enquiry, is again recommended for payment. The City Engineer having produced the contract between Mr. Harvey and the Corporation, "It appears the two tanks cdarged for were not included in the agreement." The undarmentioned accounts are recommended for payment: August 14, hay, $10.85; straw, $4; September 15, oats, $32; hay, $9.85; September 20, straw, $8.60; Moorhead, cleaning chimneys, 25 cents; Barns, for wood, $14; Express, charge for battery, 50 cents; pay sheet, fire department, September, $570.81; repairing telegraph wire, $3; November 5, hay, $10.07; pay

sheet for October, $255.81; Hunt's account for feed, $20. Total—$939.74.

Received and adopted.

The Chairman of Finance Committee (Ald. Lewis) submitted the following report:

Your committee beg to report having examined the following accounts and recommend the payment of the same: Pay sheet city officials, $2,362.50; Col. Moffat, rent of office, $56.25; police station account, $21.02; fire department, $939.74; incidental expenses, $35.31; Provincial Fair delegates to Hamilton, $100; interest account, Wm. Dalton on land, $152.19; relief account, railway orders, etc., $194.40; hospital account, September, $374.93; hospital account, October, $288.34; *Free Press* Printing Co. account, $107.46; John Cameron & Co, $227.34, E. A. Taylor & Co., bookbinding, $15.23; Reid & Anderson, stationery, $21.02; W. Williams, for bill posting, $4; E. K. Slater's account, $8.50; Henry Davis, $100; Centennial committee, J. Egan's account, $30; Gas Co. account, $1,363.70; McColl Bros. account, seeds, $4.80; City Hall expenses, $34.25. Total—$6,440.98.

At this point—10.55—time was extended indefinitely.

The report was adopted;

Ald. Sutherland verbally reported that the Militia Buildings are now completed.

Moved by Ald. Christie, seconded by Ald. Brown, that the matter of more market accommodation be referred to the Market Committee to report at the next meeting of this Council. Carried.

Moved by Ald. Brown, seconded by Ald. Rapley, that the Engineer be requested to report at next meeting the amount expended for improvements done on the streets, sidewalks, culverts and drains, and any other work not recommended in his report, naming the locality and cost of the same.

The request of Messrs. Bryan & Proctor to have their contract for watering the streets extended throughout 1877 was referred to the Fire, Water and Gas Committee to report upon.

Ald. Ross gave notice that he would move at the next meeting of this Council that the Park Committee be requested to take into consideration if it would be advisable to place the buildings on the Park grounds in a suitable position and state of repair to receive tenants, and, with the assistance of the Engineer, report the probable cost of the same, and what revenue they would yield to the city annually.

The Council adjourned at 11.40 p. m. for two weeks.

City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, 27th Nov., 1876.

The Board of Aldermen met this night at the usual time and place, His Worship Mayor Macdonald in the chair, and the following members present: Pritchard, Sutherland, Campbell, Fitzgerald, Thompson, Murray, McPhail, Skinner, Jones, Minhinnick, Rapley, Christie, Lewis, Partridge, jr., Partridge, sr., Brown, Williams, Henderson, McColl, Ross.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The following communications were read:

From the City Engineer, stating that owing to press of business he had been unable to prepare the report asked for by Ald. Brown at last meeting, and also recommending that the furnace in the basement of the City Hall be replaced by a new one, the cost of which would not exceed $200. Both referred to Board of Works.

From A. M. Ashton, P. O. Department, claiming exemption from assessment on income. Referred to Finance and Assessment Committees.

From O. J. Bridle, asking the Board to allow a frame building he has erected on his property within the fire limits to stand, the surrounding structures being of a similar material. Referred to Fire, Water and Gas Committee, with power.

From Mrs. Innison, Mrs. Brogan, A. Ellis, jr., and E. Rowland, for remission of taxes. Referred to Finance and Assessment Committees.

From Geo. Quinton and others, asking that a box drain be built on the north side of Grey street, in No. 3 Ward. Referred to Board of Works.

From J. Nitschke and others, asking permission to remove the sidewalk on Dundas street, close to the buildings. Referred to the Board of Works.

An account from Alfred Brown, bailiff's fees, $11.50, in case of city vs. McClary Manufacturing Company, was referred to the Finance Committee.

Ald. Lewis, Chairman of the Finance Committee, submitted the following report:

Your Committee beg to report having examined the following accounts and recommend payment of the same: The Canadian Rubber Co account, $1,362 28; less cash discount, 5 per cent., $88 11; total, $1,394 17. Your Committee also beg to submit the Auditors' report for the quarter ending September 30th. Your Committee would recommend that the sum of $2 50 be remitted to John Harris from taxes paid by him.

RECEIPTS.

Amount reported last qr.		$123,028 78
L. & P. S. RR. Co. rent from G. W. RR. Co.	$1440 10	
Fish Market	36 00	
Auctioneer License	60 00	
Hospital Patients	158 50	
Temperance License	80 00	
Cab License	5 00	
School Trustees Govt. Gt.	1992 00	
Fire Department from Slater	17 00	
Wood Market	55 56	
Park Com. sale Buildings, &c	89 50	
Butcher Stalls	186 00	
Exhibitions and Concerts	30 00	
Market Rent	1281 49	
Hospital Grant from Govt.	1763 10	
Tavern and Store License from Inspector	8844 76	
Weigh Scales from Winnett	134 86	
J Blair, Collectr 1875	$ 63 70	
J. Taylor, " "	122 33	186 03
		$37,748 87
Debentures sold		218,486 25
Total Receipts		$340,265 12
Balance	$60688 46	

DISBURSEMENTS.

Amount reported last qr.		$187,158 86
Interest and Discount on Debentures	$9 99 53	
London and Port Stanley R R. Coupons	1,971 60	
London, Huron & Bruce R R. Coupons	3.00 60	
Bank Commerce on Bills Payable Account 1875	4,194 39	
Insurance Account	319 5	
County of Middlesex on old Account	3,501 14	
School Trustees	7,701 11	
London & Port Stanley R R Debentures paid off	42,000 00	
Municipal " " "	30,722 16	

Incidental Expenses	62 75	
Centennial Committee	92 95	
Watering Streets	556 00	
Board of Health	18 20	
Salaries Acct J. Kerry	80 00	
Fire Department	839 20	
General Improvements	731 61	
Hospital Acct	557 04	
Park Committee	807 16	
City Hall Acct	41 70	
Ordinance Buildings	17,319 25	
Board of Works	5,417 45	
Police Department	1,932 35	
Advertising, Printing, and Stationery	68 89	
Relief to Paupers	319 15	
Gas Account	1,383 90	
		$133,418 14
Total Disbursements		$313,876 77
Balance in Bank		60,688 46
		$380,565 23

Audited and found correct.
A. G. SMYTH, }
B SCHRAM, } Auditors.
London, Ont., Nov. 14, 1876

Ald. McPhail then moved that $8 of Mr. Winslow's taxes be remitted.

Ald. Jones seconded this, and explained that the remission was for an assessment made on a building before it was half up.

After several members had spoken on the subject, it was decided to take up the motion later in the evening.

The report was then adopted.

Ald. Campbell asked for explanations in regard to the amount of $24,000 said to be owing by the city to the Ontario Government, on account of settlement of municipal indebtedness, and also as to the duties owed on the fire engine.

Ald. Lewis replied, respecting the first, that it was interest for a year in connection with the Municipal Loan Fund. In the opinion of the City Solicitor, the city would have to pay the sum named. In regard to the $741 for duties on fire engine, Ald. Lewis stated that the Mayor was in communication with the Dominion Government concerning the matter. He further mentioned that he had not placed $24,000 in the estimate sheet, as he had not been made aware of the debt until the 6th of September last.

His Worship called Ald. Partridge, jr., to the chair, and gave further information: The Municipal Loan Fund Act was passed in Feb., 1873. The following January (1874) the Government agent came to London and accepted our debentures—our share in the fund, and it was then, in '74, understood that the matter was finally settled, and that the Government would allow us the interest for the eleven months from the passage of the Act to the acceptance of our debentures. The city had not been treated right, and His Worship did not believe the Government would press us to pay it if a firm stand were taken by the Council.

Ald. Pritchard understood from ex-Mayor Cronyn that the Ontario Government agent had accepted a stated amount of debentures from the city as a final settlement of our indebtedness.

Ald. Campbell thought the best course to follow would be to send a deputation to Toronto to urge the claims of London, and have the matter settled. It should be ascertained without delay whether we had to pay these two accounts, and if so, they should be wiped off at once.

His Worship stated that nothing would have been said about the duty on the engine were it not for Mr. Rufus Stephenson, M. P. for Kent, who, speaking for Ronald & Hyslop, of Chatham, brought the matter before Parliament.

The subject then dropped.

Ald. Williams submitted the following from the Fire, Water and Gas Committee:

Your Committee report that Reeve Anderson and Councillor Waterman, of London East, attended a meeting of this Committee to arrange for a portion of the Fire Brigade and one steam fire engine to assist at fires in London East. Seventy five dollars per call was mentioned, or $300 per annum for all services. After a long discussion, it was resolved to defer the subject for time to consider the matter more fully.

Your Committee, having fully tested the hose purchased from the Montreal India Rubber Company, and having received a guarantee for thirty months, recommend that the amount be paid, $1,362.20, deducting five per cent. for cash.

The petition of Mr. Mathieson, on behalf of the members of the Congregational Church, Dundas street, for a wooden shed to be erected in rear of the church, the same being within the fire limits—your Committee recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, provided the shed is built under the direction of the City Engineer.

Your Committee recommend no action in the case of the petition of Proctor & Bryan for watering streets and filling tanks.

Your Commitete recommend that tenders be called for winding and keeping in repair the city clock.

Received and adopted.

Ald. Williams brought in the subjoined report from the Fire, Water and Gas and Finance Committees, in reference to water works:

Your Committee having fully considered the subject of the erection of water works as proposed by the company, do not consider it advisable to recommend so large an annual outlay for fire and manufacturing purposes only; but strongly urge upon the Council the adoption of a scheme which shall embrace a supply for fire, manufacturing and domestic purposes. And having discussed the matter in all its bearings, are of opinion that water works of the above description can be erected at a cost not to exceed $225,000; and taking into consideration the low price of iron and labor, recommend that a vote of the people be taken at the January elections, and the under-mentioned questions proposed:

First—Shall we have water works for fire, manufacturing and domestic purposes, cost not to exceed $225,000?

Second—Shall we have water works for fire and manufacturing purposes only, cost not to exceed $100,000?

Third—If built, shall it be by commissioners elected by the people?

Fourth—If built, shall it be by a company?

Fifth—Shall it be built by the city under a water committee?

Ald. Pritchard moved that the matter be laid over until next meeting of Council.

Seconded by Ald. McPhail. Carried.

Ald. Pritchard submitted the following report from the Market Committee:

Your Committee recommend that the hay and straw market be removed to Dufferin Avenue between Wellington and Waterloo streets, and that the necessary weigh scales be erected; also that a weigh clerk be appointed to take charge of the same.

Ald Campbell moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Fitzgerald, that any change in the extension or removal of our present market ought to have an expression of opinion from the ratepayers, and this Council deem it advisible to take no action until a vote of the electors be taken on the question.

Yeas—Pritchard, Sutherland, Campbell, Murray, Fitzgerald, Thompson, McPhail, Skinner, Jones, Henderson, Lewis, McColl, the Mayor.

Nays — Ripley, Ross, Minhinnick, Brown, Christie, Williams, Partridge, jr., Partridge, sr.

Ald. Partridge, jr. presented the following report from the Exhibition Committee:

The Exhibition Committee, to whom the communication of the Western Fair, P. O'Neil and others was referred, beg leave to submit the following, viz:

In reference to the communication of W. McBride, Secretary of the Western Fair, we submit that a caretaker has already been appointed; in the matter of P. O'Neil, your committee recommend that the same be fyled.

Your committee would further recommend that turn-stiles be placed on Waterloo and Church streets, at the intersection of Pall Mall street, and likewise at the intersection of Piccadilly and Great Market streets with Wellington street, said stiles to remain during the pleasure of this Council.

Taken up clause by clause.

The first and second clauses passed, after the Chairman had explained that a man named Cavanagh had already been appointed caretaker.

Ald. Minhinnick called the attention of the Railroad Committee to the fact that only one length of planking was laid on the G. W. R. crossing on Adelaide street, which rendered it very dangerous to teams passing and repassing.

Ald. Pritchard moved, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that the Market Committee be empowered, if necessary, before the next meeting of this Council, to advertise for sale the fees of the Market for 1877. Carried.

Ald. Campbell gave notice that he would move at next meeting "that Dundas street be removed from the place it now is, and taken to some suitable locality in No. 6 Ward, and that the name thereof be changed from Dundas street to Clandeboye Boulevard Avenue.

Ald. Partridge, jun., moved, seconded by Ald. Williams, that the City Clerk communicate with the Government regarding the erection of the necessary apparatus and buildings for carrying out the purposes of the act respecting the inspection of gas and gas metres. Carried.

The Council adjourned for two weeks.

City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, 11th Dec., 1876.

The Board of Aldermen met to-night at the usual time and place, His Worship Mayor Macdonald in the chair, and the following members present: Messrs. Pritchard, Sutherland, Campbell Fitzgerald, Murray, Jones, Ross, Henderson, Minhinnick, Rapley, Christie, Lewis, Partridge, sr., Partridge, jr., Brown, Skinner, McPhail, Thompson, McColl, Williams.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The following communications were read:

From J. L Englehart and the directors of the Tecumseh base ball club, asking for the use of the Park block, bounded by Dufferin avenue, Wellington, Waterloo and Bond streets, as a public amusement ground, to pay for the same an annual rental, and to embellish it, etc. Referred to Park Committee to report at next meeting, together with the opinion of the city solicitor in regard to the legality of granting the request.

From R. M. McLeod & Co., Michael Brandon, Thos. McLeod, Thos. Fraser, B. Jarman, Wm. Percival, Michael Glass, and Mrs. Coughlin, McLaren and Paul, asking remission of taxes. Referred to Finance and Assessment Committees.

From W. R. Meredith and twenty others, asking that a plank sidewalk be laid on the west side of Ridout street, in front of the Court House Square. Referred to Board of Works.

From J. H. Killey and J. W. Bartlett, asking for orders for a street roller. Referred to Board of Works.

From W. H. Fraser, Centennial Commissioner, stating that the pictures belonging to the city, which were exhibited at the Centennial, will be sent back to London free of expense. Fyled.

From Ald. Hallam, of Toronto, enclosing a circular and petition of the Toronto City Council relative to assessment exemption. Ordered to be signed by the Mayor and City Chamberlain and forwarded.

From the Provincial Treasurer, asking information in regard to the action taken by the city towards the payment of $24,000, interest on Municipal Loan Fund debentures due the Government. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Thos. Brock and others, asking for a gas lamp on the corner of Hill and Wellington streets. Referred to Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

From Mrs. Newcombe, Secretary Women's Christian Association, soliciting the free use of the City Hall on the 26th inst., in order to provide a Christmas treat for the poor of the city. Granted.

A by-law appointing the following gentlemen Returning Officers and naming the following places for the ensuing municipal elections was then read three times and passed:

NO. 1 WARD.

No. 1 Division—Polling place at City Hall—John Bonsor, Returning Officer.

No. 2 Division— At J. M. Cousins' office, Bathurst Street—Robert Scott, R. O.

NO. 2 WARD.

No. 2 Division—At Mechanics' Institute—W. McBride, R. O.

No. 2 Division—Talbot Street School—John Plummer, jun., R. O.

NO. 3 WARD.

No. 1 Division—At Dan. McPherson's house, in Ald. McPhail's buildings, on York Street—J. M. Keary, R. O.

No. 2 Division—At Horton Street School—A. Wallace, R. O.

NO. 4 WARD.

No. 1 Division—At James Percival's house, Queen's Avenue—C. S. Corrigan, R. O.

NO. 5 WARD.

No. 1 Division—At Colborne Street School House—Alex. Purdom, R. O

No. 2 Division—At the house of T. Tamblin, corner of Burwell and Simcoe Streets—John McKenzie, R. O.

NO. 6 WARD.

No. 1 Division—At Mrs. Hillier's house, Colborne Street—Alexander Gunn, R. O.

No. 2 Division—At the house of James Kiely, Pall-Mall Street — James Jury, R. O.

NO. 7 WARD.

No. 1 Division—At St. George's School House—Richard Dinahan, R. O.

Ald. Williams, chairman, reported verbally from the Fire, Water and Gas Committee in, reference to the petition of Mr. O. J. Bridle, regarding the erection of a frame building within the fire limits, As the building alluued to had been erected on the site of an old one, and was virtually repairs, and as none of the neighbors objected to the same, the Chairman had given permission for the building to remain, the matter having been left to him.

Decision concurred in by Council.

Ald. Brown, Chairman, presented the following from the Hospital and Relief Committee:

First—That your Committee having examined the accounts for supplies to the hospital for the month of November, and have found them correct, and have referred them to the Finance Commi tee for payment, amounting to $272 54, viz:

Tytler & Rose, groceries	$ 89 00
Bricklen & Powell, meat	47 46
Strong & Rosser, medicine	28 84
Mrs, Woodward, milk	14 40
Jas. B. Smith, bread	34 43
Servants' wages	45 75
Hinton & Portwood, repairing furniture	3 40
Bowman & Co., coal	9 26
	$272 54

Second—Your committee have received the Hospital Steward's report for the month of November, giving a statement of the number of patients in the hospital to December 1st, and, having examined the same, ordered it to be fyled.

Third—Your committee having examined the monthly report of the Relief Officer, showing the amount of cash and wood that has been distributed to the poor of the city from 1st November to 1st December, it was ordered to be reported to the Council. Cash, $37.25, and 25½ cords of wood, distributed as follows:

	Cash.	Wood.
No. 1 Ward	$ 5 00	6 cords.
" 2 "	12 00	1½ "
" 3 "	5 00	6 "
" 4 "	2 00	½ "
" 5 "	3 00	4 "
" 6 "	1 75	6 "
" 7 "	8 50	1½ "
	$37 25	25½ "

Fourth- In consequence of Drs. Going and Nelles having made known to your committee that they could not attend to visitations to the Hospital, and requested their names to be dropped from the medical staff of the Hospital, your committee would recommend Drs. Fenwick and Waugh as their successors; also, that Drs. Niven and Moore, jun., be appointed.

Taken up clause by clause.

Clauses 1 and 2 passed without discussion.

Third clause—

All that portion down to the relief granted to No. 4 Ward passed unopposed.

The clause passed.

Fourth clause passed without discussion, and the report was adopted.

In consequence of the poor light in the Council Chamber, the Chairman of the Fire, Water and Gas Committee sent for the Superintendent of the gas works.

Mr. Ironsides explained that the difficulty was an obstruction in the pipe connecting with the chandelier. He would have the matter attended to immediately.

Ald. McPhail submitted the annexed report from the Board of Works:

Your Committee would respectfully recommend the Council to notify the cabmen in this city that they will not be responsible for any damage done to their cabs by snow or ice falling off buildings, and warn them against standing in dangerous places.

The Street Commissioner having reported that Adelaide street is in a dangerous condition, your Committee would recommend that the sum of fifty dollars be granted to put the same in repair.

I have the honor to submit to you the details of the expenditure for improvements of all kinds during the year, as per resolution of this Council.

These details, prepared by the engineer, showed the amount of money expended for work provided and unprovided for during the year by the Board to have been $11,709.90, including $5,909.20 expended in necessary repairs, in market paving, culverts, etc. The amount appropriated was $10,000. The sum of $400 was spent in making market crossings and gravelling; $640 for gravelling extra streets and market yard and market lane paving, and $649.90 for extra culverts and filling in, making a total expenditure of $11,709.90 up to the 11th December, 1876.

The report was adopted.

On motion the Street Commissioner was ordered to have that portion of Colborne street near Hill properly repaired, and gravel laid thereupon.

Ald. Campbell moved, seconded by Ald. Pritchard, that His Worship the Mayor, Ald. Lewis and the City Solicitor be a deputation to wait on the Ontario Government at Toronto, and urge on them the propriety of with drawning their claim for the amount of interest that accrued on the Government debt between the time the bill was passed and the debentures of the city were accepted as payment thereof; and that in the meantime the City Clerk communicate with other municipalities similarly situated, and ascertain if interest has been charged and paid by them for the time referred to. Carried.

Ald. Lewis suggested that the Railway Committee correspond with the G. W. R. authorities with the view of procuring closer connections at Wingham with the W., G. & B. Line, and also to enquire why it is that the mails are not carried over the first-mentioned line. Referred to Railway Committee.

Ald. Murray asked the Chairman of the Finance Committee what progress he had made in redeeming his pledge to submit to the public in pamphlet form a detailed statement of all moneys expended during the year.

Ald. Lewis replied that all outlays were being kept in detail, but could not possibly be printed in the form referred to until about February next.

Ald. Christie moved, seconded by Ald. Campbell, that the Finance Committee receive tenders for the purchase of Salter's Grove property in London East, and also the Ross farm. Carried.

Ald. Henderson wanted to know had the militia buildings been passed and accepted by the Government.

Ald. Sutherland replied that the Government architect had been here and inspected the buildings and expressed himself well pleased with them, but no report had been received.

The council then adjourned for two weeks.